

Reserve crowds aren't that bad

I AM writing, regarding last week's article "Where are fans as top team fall?" concerning Wycombe Wanderers Reserves, and would like to take up the points raised by your reporter.

Firstly, surprise is expressed by the fact that only 100 people turned up for the match against Harrow Reserves. I would say that a crowd of 100 to watch the Reserves of a non-league side on a bitterly cold afternoon, when there are rugby internationals on television, is fairly good going.

It must also be remembered that about 100 regulars travel to watch the first team in away league games, and that if the first team are not engaged in a game, the gate for the reserves increases to about 200.

Also with the first team averaging crowds of 800, 100 for a reserve game is a good figure in comparison. Do Liverpool reserves attract gates of 5,000 per game? I doubt it!

Secondly, criticism is directed at Mike Keen for not introducing reserve players into the first team. It's no good introducing players just for the sake of it. They have to be good enough and better than those in the first team.

There are several players in the reserves who are very promising but are not necessarily ready for regular Isthmian Football.

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As a regular spectator of both first team and reserve games, I would say that Mike Keen is doing a good job. Compare the league table with 12 months ago.

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